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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES TO PAKISTAN

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1. EMBASSY WAS SOMEWHAT MYSTIFIED BY AMBASSADOR YAQUB'S COMMENT TO THE SECRETARY DURING THEIR MEETING APRIL 12 THAT GOP WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PACE AT WHICH ARMS TRANSACTIONS, PARTICULARLY DIFFICULTY IN GETTING LOAS, WAS PROCEEDING. WE NEITHER WANT NOR PLAN TO TRADE CHARGES WITH PAK ARMY OVER WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS FOR WHATEVER DELAYS HAVE OCCURRED. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH AZIZ AHMED HAS RAISED WITH THE AMBASSADOR IN THE PAST, HOWEVER, AND WE WANTED TO SHARE OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE DEPARTMENT. OUR IDEAS MAY ALSO BE USEFUL AS DEPARTMENT PREPARES RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT ON ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN.

2. SOME QUICK BACKGROUND ON HOW WE ARRIVED WHERE WE ARE MIGHT BE USEFUL. GOP SUPPLIED FIRST LIST OF ARMS REQUESTS ON MAY 2, 1975. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED OF STATE'S GENERAL POLICY APPROVAL TO SUPPLY P&A DATA FOR CERTAIN ITEMS ON JULY 19 (170830). ON AUGUST 14 WE RECEIVED A FURTHER SHOPPING LIST FROM THE GOP AND P&A DATA ON CERTAIN ITEMS BEGAN TO ARRIVE FROM WASHINGTON. THE VISIT OF THE PAK MILITARY TEAM TO THE US IN NOVEMBER  
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ENABLED THE GOP TO FURTHER REFINE ITS NEEDS AND ON THAT

BASIS ODRP, BETWEEN DECEMBER 16 AND 31, SUBMITTED THE FIRST FORMAL REQUESTS FOR LOAS.

3. MOST OF THE DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING LOAS ARE WITH CASES REQUESTED BY THE PAK ARMY. ITS MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETARY PROCEDURES HAVE NOT YET BEEN UPDATED TO MEET THE NEW REQUIREMENTS LEVIED BY ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY SALES RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US AFTER A TEN YEAR HIATUS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS EXAMPLES OF DIFFICULTIES THAT HAS CAUSED, BUT SEVERAL WHICH ARE REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT GIVE USEFUL BACKGROUND TO THE DEPARTMENT. A CASE FOR 50 CAL AND 106 MM AMMO, ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY THE ARMY IN AUGUST, 1974, HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOUR TIMES AT PAK ARMY REQUEST AND THE LOA HAS STILL NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. AN LOA FOR 1 1/4 TON TRUCKS, ORIGINALLY REQUESTED IN SEPTEMBER 1975 HAS BEEN EXTENDED TWICE AND THE ARMY HAS STILL NOT DECIDED TO GO AHEAD. TWO OTHER CASES FOR 2 1/2 TON TRUCKS WERE EXTENDED SEVEN TIMES BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED IN DECEMBER. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF LOAS BEING RENEGOTIATED AND AMENDED BECAUSE THE ARMY DECIDED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT THEY WISH TO PURCHASE. THE CURRENT AMMUNITION REQUEST, OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, IS SUCH A CASE.

4. TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC CONCERN VOICED BY AMBASSADOR YAQUB, EMBASSY AND ODRP RECORDS INDICATE THAT THERE ARE FIVE REQUESTS FOR LOAS FROM THE PAK ARMY WHICH ARE STILL OUTSTANDING. ONE IS FOR HELICOPTERS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND THE PAK ARMY MAY WANT TO REVISE SINCE IT IS THINKING OF REQUESTING A DIFFERENT RADIO THAN WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. TWO OTHER CASES

ARE FOR AMMUNITION WHICH, AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS FROM CURRENT TRAFFIC, THE PAK ARMY IS ALSO THINKING OF REVISING. TWO REMAINING CASES, ONE FOR APCS AND ONE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT, WERE ALSO CHANGED, AFTER LOA WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED, BY PAK ARMY. FACTS THEREFORE SUPPORT EMBASSY CONTENTION THAT BALL IS IN PAK ARMY COURT ON QUESTION OF LOAS.  
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5. ONE ADDITIONAL AREA OF PAK ARMY CONCERN IS ITS DESIRE TO OBTAIN P&A DATA ON 105 MM HOWITZERS. ODRP ASKED DOD FOR P&A DATA ON THE GUNS AND, AT DOD REQUEST, INFORMED PAK ARMY THAT WE CANNOT SUPPLY THE DATA UNTIL US DECIDES WHETHER TO REOPEN 105 MM ASSEMBLY LINE WHICH IS PRESENTLY SHUT DOWN. PAK ARMY IS ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS REQUEST AND WE HAVE ASSURED THEM

WE WILL PASS ON UPDATED INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS  
AVAILABLE FROM WASHINGTON

6. PAK AIR FORCE AND NAVY SEEM GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH  
OUR RESPONSIVENESS ON LOAS. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC  
PROBLEMS WITH AIR FORCE. NAVY IS CONCERNED, AND IN  
OUR VIEW RIGHTLY SO, OVER THE INORDINATE DELAY IN  
RECEIVING P&A INFORMATION ON MK-46 TORPEDO AND GEARING  
CLASS DESTROYERS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, HOWEVER, THIS  
CONCERN HAS NOT BEEN PASSED TO POLITICAL LEVEL OF GOP.

7. WE HOPE THIS WILL CLARIFY WHERE WE STAND ON QUESTION  
OF LOAS. WHEN GOP RAISES THIS ISSUE WITH THE EMBASSY  
WE WILL CONTINUE, AS WE HAVE IN PAST, TO EMPHASIZE  
THAT THE RECORD WILL SHOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING  
IN MEETING ARMY'S REQUESTS AND MAIN BOTTLENECK SEEMS  
TO BE THE ARMY'S INTERNAL MANAGEMENT AND DECISION-  
MAKING PROCEDURES. ODRP WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE  
PAK ARMY TO UPDATE AND STREAMLINE ITS PROCUREMENT

PROCEDURES SO WE WILL NOT IN FUTURE FACE MIS-  
UNDERSTANDINGS, SUCH AS VOICED BY YAQUB, OVER USG  
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